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[redacted] In response to his request for an Agency review of the draft of Senator Dodd's speech on Viet Nam, I advised David Martin, of the Senator's staff, that Mr. Colby had reviewed the substantive part of the draft and had made some suggestions. I also advised him that we would have no objection to the Senator's including an item on his association with and feelings about John Richardson. However, I did suggest that a portion of Martin's draft be deleted. This was item I. in a listing of items criticizing irresponsible reporting by the press with respect to Richardson. Martin was in agreement with this deletion and thanked us for our assistance.

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[redacted] Had a "Chronology of Buddhist Crisis in South Vietnam in 1963" handcarried to Al Westphal, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff.

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[redacted] Talked with Bob Michaels, William Darden, and Francis Hewitt to see if they were aware of the Cannon letter to the Director of 24 October. None were aware. Later, after discussing this in some detail with Michaels, he advised that he had talked to Mr. Mahon concerning this letter but Mahon had given him no indication of any actions taken leading up to the letter and appeared not to wish to discuss the matter.

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[redacted] Talked with William Darden to determine what matters the Chairman might wish discussed tomorrow and also whether the budget should be discussed. Darden advised later that there were no items which were not included on our agenda and, in addition, stated the Chairman did not feel that he wished to go into the Agency budget at tomorrow's meeting.

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